

REMARKS

The Notice to File Missing Parts states that one of the items required to avoid abandonment is an additional claim fee in the amount of \$415.00. The excess claim fee was based on the claims as filed. In the attached Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled original claims 1-18, and submitted in their place claims 19-30. Pending claims 19-30 comprise two independent claims, claims 19 and 20, and 10 dependent claims, for a total of 12 claims. As the total number claims does not exceed 20, the total number of independent claims is less than 3, and none of the claims are multiply dependent, Applicants submit that the additional claim fee of \$415 is not required. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Fees Due is \$450.00, which includes \$385 for the Statutory basic filing fee and \$65 for the late oath surcharge.

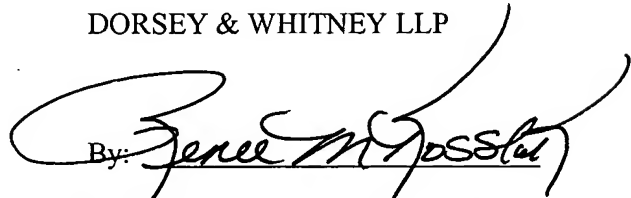
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Claims 19-30 are pending. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for new claims 19-30 derives from the specification and claims as originally filed.

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